

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 and 8-10 are now present in this application.

The specification and claims 1-6 and 8-10 have been amended, and claim 7 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. Reconsideration of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

A Revocation of Power of Attorney, Substitute Power of Attorney, and Change in Correspondence Address, as well as a Certificate Under 37 CFR § 3.73(b) Showing Chain of Title, are being submitted concurrently herewith. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office update their records to reflect the new attorney and correspondence address.

Claims 7 and 8 stand rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Because there should be proper antecedent basis for the "second depressed spots" in view of the foregoing amendments, it is respectfully submitted that this rejection should now be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Claims 1, 9 and 10 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by SATO et al., U.S. Patent 6,344,618. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 2 and 5-8 stand rejected under 35 USC 103 as being unpatentable over SATO et al. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 3 and 4 stand rejected under 35 USC 103 as being unpatentable over SATO et al. in view YAMASAKI et al., U.S. Patent 6,344,619. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

On the Office Action Summary page, the Examiner indicates that claims 7 and 8 are objected to. Because the limitations of claim 7 have now been incorporated into claim 1, it is respectfully submitted that all claims in this instant application should now be in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the prior art rejections is respectfully requested.

Favorable reconsideration and an early Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

Because the additional prior art cited by the Examiner has been included merely to show the state of the prior art and has not been utilized to reject the claims, no further comments concerning these documents are considered necessary at this time.

In the event that any outstanding matters remain in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (703) 205-8000 in the Washington, D.C. area.

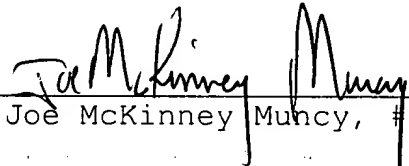
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a), the Applicants respectfully petition for a one (1) month extension of time for

filing a response in connection with the present application and the required fee of \$110.00 is attached herewith.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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